(d) Recruitment of professionals on regular basis in Prasar Bharati is not blocked on account of hiring services through BECIL.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

Categorization of TV channels

†1941. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any deliberations or going to take any action for the categorization of TV channels, fixing their telecast time and framing code of conduct for the contents of various serials and other telecasts;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether proposal to mitigate the exploitation of the consumers through advertisement is also included in above measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (d) All such issues relating to content telecast on TV channels including advertisements have been considered by the Committee constituted by the Government to review the existing Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The Committee has submitted its report on 5.3.2008 which is available on the website of the Ministry ***www.mib.nic.in*** under the heading 'Code and Guidelines' subheading "Self Regulation Guidelines 2008".

Review of Cinematograph Act, 1952

1942. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to review Cinematograph Act, 1952 in view of increasing number of protests against the screening of certain films even after obtaining certificate from Censor Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to seek experts' opinion on subject depicted in the film, mandatory for every films to ensure the screening of the film without any protest and controversy before providing them certificate of Censor Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) A review of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 is under process and the draft is in the process of consultation with concerned Ministries. However, the review is not specifically aimed at amending the Act in view of increasing number of protests against the screening of films duly certified by Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The existing provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Rules and Guidelines prescribe the procedure for certifying films including obtaining expert opinion where so recommended by Examining Committee. Each film is examined by an Examining Committee, which consists of an officer and members of the advisory panel which comprises of persons from all walks of life. Additionally, as per Rule 41(4)(c) of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983, in cases where the members of the Examining Committee, after the examination of the film, submit to the Chairman a provisional report indicating that expert opinion on subjects depicted in the film such as subjects relating to defence or foreign relations or any particular religion or law or medicine or any other subject, should be sought before the final report is submitted, the Chairman may after taking into consideration the circumstances of the case specify a time limit for obtaining the expert opinion and for the submission of the final report of the Examining Committee thereafter.

Radio stations operating in Pudducherry and Tamil Nadu

1943. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the radio stations presently operating in Pudducherry and Tamil Nadu, separate information for AM and FM stations;

(b) the amount allocated by the Union Government for these stations and the amount spent therefrom during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the amount earned by each of these stations during each of the last three years;

(d) whether audience of these stations are dwindling steeply due to lacklustre programming; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) At present two All India Radio (AIR) stations, which include one transmitter in AM and one in FM mode are operating in Puducherry. In Tamil Nadu 11 AIR stations, which include nine transmitters in AM and nine in FM mode, are also operating.

(b) The total amount allocated by the Union Government for all these stations and the amount spent is as below:—

	Amount Allocated	Amount Spent
2005-06	Rs. 31.82 crore	Rs. 31.43 crore
2006-07	Rs. 32.37 crore	Rs. 32.30 crore
2007-08	Rs. 35.63 crore	Rs. 35.20 crore

(c) The details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.